

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) Gear for electrically/hydraulically and manually driven sheet winches, including a drive shaft housing ~~(28)~~ connected with a gear housing ~~(2)~~, where the drive shaft housing ~~(28)~~ includes a drive shaft ~~(26)~~ connected with a rotatably suspended planet carrier ~~(22)~~ with a number of planet wheels ~~(14,16)~~ rotatably suspended on a number of planet pinion spindles ~~(18,20)~~ corresponding to the number of planet wheels, the planet pinion spindles being anchored in the planet carrier ~~(22)~~ and distributed about a common centre axis ~~(12)~~ for the drive shaft ~~(26)~~ and the planet carrier ~~(22)~~, where the planet wheels ~~(14,16)~~ interact with a toothed rim situated at the underside of the gear housing ~~(2)~~, the drive shaft ~~(26)~~ driven to one-way rotation in a given direction by insertion of a rotor hub ~~(8,10)~~ interacting with the planet wheels ~~(14,16)~~ on an electric/hydraulic drive unit ~~(4)~~, and where between the drive shaft ~~(26)~~ and the planet carrier ~~(22)~~ there is provided a free-wheeling mechanism ~~(24)~~, characterised in that the planet carrier ~~(22)~~ is suspended on roller/ball bearings disposed farther away from the centre axis ~~(12)~~ of the planet carrier than the free-wheeling mechanism ~~(24)~~.

2. (currently amended) Gear according to claim 1, characterised in that the planet carrier ~~(22)~~ is suspended on roller/ball bearings disposed on the outer periphery ~~(42)~~ of the planet carrier and farther away from the centre axis ~~(12)~~ of the

planet carrier than the attachment points for the planet pinion spindles ~~(18, 20)~~ in the planet carrier ~~(22)~~.

3. (currently amended) Gear according to claim 1, characterised in that the planet carrier ~~(22)~~ is suspended on roller/ball bearings disposed closer to the centre axis ~~(12)~~ of the planet carrier than the attachment points of the planet pinion spindles ~~(18, 20)~~ in the planet carrier ~~(22)~~.

4. (currently amended) Gear according to ~~any of claims 1 — 3~~ claim 1, characterised in that the roller/ball bearings for the rotatable suspension of the planet carrier ~~(22)~~ is mainly disposed at the same level as the cutouts ~~(38)~~ in the planet carrier interacting with the pawl(s) on the free-wheeling mechanism ~~(24)~~.

5. (currently amended) Gear according to ~~any of claims 1 — 4~~ claim 1, characterised in that rollers/balls ~~(40)~~ constituting one half of the roller/ball bearings on the outer periphery ~~(42)~~ of the planet carrier are guided/carried in grooves ~~(44, 46, 48)~~ formed in the external periphery ~~(42)~~ of the planet carrier ~~(22)~~, in the gear housing ~~(2)~~ and in the drive shaft housing ~~(28)~~, respectively, and are disposed at the transition between the gear housing ~~(2)~~ and the drive shaft housing ~~(28)~~.

6. (currently amended) Gear according to ~~any of claims 1 — 4~~ claim 1, characterised in that the rollers/balls ~~(40)~~ constituting one half of the roller/ball bearings on the external periphery ~~(42)~~ of the planet carrier are guided/carried in

grooves ~~(44, 46, 49)~~ formed in the external periphery ~~(42)~~ of the planet carrier ~~(22)~~, in the gear housing ~~(2)~~ and in an extension of the toothed rim ~~(33)~~ and is disposed at the transition between the gear housing ~~(2)~~ and the toothed rim ~~(33)~~, and that the toothed rim is releasably fastened to the underside of the gear housing ~~(2)~~.